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PRICE FIVE CENTS

THE RAILROADS MUST ESTABLISH THROUGH RATES

Commission Modifies Order on Shipments

GIVEN UNTIL OCT. 15

Fir and Spruce, Carloads, 40c, Shingles 50c and Cedar Lumber 50c

PORTLAND GETS PREFERENCE

Commission Orders That Through Rates From Washington Shall Not Exceed 2 1/2 Cents Higher Than Same Products From Portland.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today further modified a previous order in the case of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers and other similar organizations against the Northern Pacific and 19 other railroads. The order points out that the defendants have failed and neglected to voluntarily establish a through rate for transportation of forest products between certain points, and directs the defendants not later than October 15th to establish and maintain for two years, through rates through to Portland, Oregon, over their roads for the transportation of various lumber products specified from all points in Washington on the line of the Northern Pacific as far south as Seattle and not east of Palmer, Wash., excluding however, points south and east of Seattle having rail connection with Seattle, officially by junction points north of that city at Salt Lake and Ogden, Utah, and to all other points in Utah taking the same rate as Salt Lake and Ogden on shipments of forest products from Portland. The joint rates in no case to exceed the following scale per hundred pounds.

Fir and spruce lumber in carloads, 40 cents; shingles in carloads, 50 cents; cedar lumber in carloads, 50 cents; log timbers requiring two or more cars, 50 cents, subject, however, to present minimum weight regula-

tions. The commission orders that in establishing joint rates on forest products applicable to the through routes ordered between their respective points of origin and destination, mentioned the defendants shall in no case make such joint through rates more than 2 1/2 cents per hundred pounds, higher than rates on same products from Portland, Oregon.

EXPLOSION INJURES SEVEN.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 8.—Six firemen and an 11-year-old girl were badly burned and shocked as a result of gas and a small fire in a plumbing shop on South Main street today. Three firemen were blown from the room into the street. Another explosion in the basement injured three more. Mildred Vejar, standing on the sidewalk, was blown into the street, sustaining a sprained back.

NEW YORK ANARCHISTS AGAIN IN A ROW

BERKMAN, WHO SHOT H. C. FRICK, LEADER OF UPROAR—HE GOES TO JAIL.

EMMA GOLDMAN ON THE SPOT

But Hustles Out When Ordered by the Police—Row Started Because Berkman Could Not Use His Mouth.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Alexander Berkman, the anarchist, will spend the next few days in jail. He was convicted in the night court at an early hour this morning of inciting a riot at a meeting at Cooper Union and was sentenced to the workhouse. May Smith, a woman who was arrested with him, was fined \$10.

Berkman, who during the steel works strike at Homestead Pa., a number of years ago, shot H. C. Frick and served a long sentence in jail for the act, attempted to preach anarchistic doctrines at a meeting of the employed under the direction of the Brotherhood Welfare Association.

INDEPENDENCE PARTY NAME ELECTORS

Presidential Electors Elected at Mass Meeting at Portland

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—At the mass meeting of the independence party held here tonight the presidential electors were named, as follows: John W. Bennett of Clackamas county and Thomas E. Sweeney, W. R. Lake and M. J. Malloy of Multnomah county. Hugh J. McIsaac of California and J. I. Knight of Washington delivered addresses in which they arraigned the old parties and advocated the union of voters with the movement inaugurated by the independence party.

The meeting was organized by J. Eads Howe, known as the "Millionaire hobo" and Dr. Ben Reitman, "King of the Hoboes." Dr. Reitman read a speech which he said had been written by Emma Goldman, and was followed by Charles Oberwager, former president of the Central Federated Union, who severely criticized the anarchistic doctrines in the address. It was while he was speaking that Berkman created a disturbance and insisted on being allowed to speak. The Police swarmed into the hall and after a struggle restored a semblance of order, the audience having started a small riot. The woman giving her name as May Smith, who attempted to assist Berkman, was arrested. Emma Goldman, who was present, instantly left the hall when told that unless she went she also would be arrested.

HIBBING IS DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION

All Business Suspended—Men Out Fighting Forest Fire

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 8.—Hibbing, the largest and most prosperous town in the Mesaba Range, is threatened to destruction by fire. Every place of business in the town is closed, the men are all out fighting the forest fire. A number of firemen and engines have gone from Duluth. Trains are waiting at Hibbing to take the people away. Unless the wind changes Coleraine and Bovey will be safe. Grand Marais, Minn., on the north shore, is in the clutches of the fire and are doomed. People are in worst straits than the range people as they have no place to flee. The forest fire is within a mile of the town. Settlers are walking into Grand Marais with packs of their most valuable possessions on their back and are leg-weary. Their families are dragging along behind them.

EN ROUTE TO CARACAS.

PORT OF SPAIN, Sept. 8.—Sir Vincent Corbett, the British minister to Caracas, who arrived here from Venezuela, September 3, to communicate with his home government concerning Venezuelan affairs, was released from quarantine today. He will remain here for a few days pending an opportunity to return to Caracas. Sir Vincent declines to discuss the object of his visit here.

GIVES STARTLING TESTIMONY IN RUSTIN SHOOTING

LABOR AND CAPITAL.

Lined Up For Contest In United States Supreme Court.

NEW ORK, Sept. 8.—Judge Alton B. Parker, who is chief counsel for the American Federation of Labor in the suit known as the Buck Stove & Range Company vs the American Federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, Frank Morrison, and others, which will come before the Supreme Court of the United States on Wednesday, left this city today to take charge of the case.

The proceedings this week will consist of argument by counsel on a petition by the Buck Company asking that the defendants be punished for contempt of court of alleged violation of an injunction previously issued by the same court to prohibit the federation from advising organized labor that the company was unfair to its employees.

PUGILISTIC PARADISE SENDS POINTERS

PRELIMINARY WORD FROM THE GANS-NELSON BATTLEFIELD TONIGHT.

CONTESTANTS IN FINE FORM

Opinions Very Evenly Divided as Between the Champions, in San Francisco—Gans in Far Better Shape Than in His Previous Battle.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 8.—The pugilistic carnival of this week, wherein possession of two world's championships was yesterday at stake will have its climax tomorrow afternoon at Colma, where Battling Nelson will defend his right to the lightweight championship and Joe Gans will endeavor to regain the laurels lost to the Dane in their last encounter. The promoters of the match confidently expect that the receipts will exceed the \$13,000 taken in yesterday at the Attell-Moran gate. Both contestants were present at yesterday's fight and

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Mrs. Rice Says Doctor Had Planned Suicide

AGREED TO KILL HIM

Fredrick Rustin Wanted Woman to Shoot Him and Then Commit Suicide

BUT HER NERVE FAILED HER

Woman Tells How Everything Was Arranged For The Deed on August 28th—He Wanted to Protect Insurance For His Family.

OMAHA, Sept. 8.—At the coroner's inquest in the death of Frederick H. Rustin, whose tragic death at the door of his home has given the police department a puzzling problem, developed several sensations today. The first testimony was of Mrs. Abbie Rice, the woman who was last known to be in Dr. Rustin's company the night of his death. She declared that for some time Dr. Rustin had been talking of committing suicide but wished to disguise the act so as to protect his life insurance for the benefit of his family. After much importunity he induced her to promise to kill him and then to take her own life. Arrangements to this end made Friday night, August 28th, but her nerve failed her. On Tuesday night following Dr. Rustin pointed out to her on the street car a man who he said promised to do the deed, saying it must be done before that night. Later she identified Charles E. Davis, clerk of a local bank and a member of a prominent family as the man referred to by Dr. Rustin.

Davis was placed on the witness stand and testified that he attempted to commit suicide the night in question taking drugs furnished him by Dr. Rustin, but denied he promised to kill the doctor or that he had anything to do with the latter's death. He said that the drugs he had taken

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MANY DEMOCRATIC CLUBS ARE FORMED

Over 5000 Already Organized and Much Campaign Literature Being Distributed

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—Twelve hundred precinct committeemen recently elected in the primaries were addressed by Bryan tonight. The meeting represented an innovation in politics, Chicago was for the purpose of putting into effect the call of the national committee for a campaign club in every voting precinct in the United States. Previously to Bryan's remarks, John W. Tomlinson, of Alabama, chairman of the committee on organization, addressed the conference. He stated that over 5000 clubs had already organized and that campaign literature and material has been sent to all clubs enrolled at the democratic national headquarters. After October 1 he said, weekly letters from Bryan would be sent to all the democratic clubs. Bryan opened by referring to the primary system and declared it had revolutionized poli-

tics. "And the authority now comes from the voters instead of some central authority."

Bryan emphasized the importance of the position which the committeemen occupied and declared no candidate will win success if the work of the organization is neglected. "It will be your business to see," he said, "First that every democratic vote is registered; second, that every democratic vote is cast; third, that every democratic vote is counted, and fourth, that false registration and repeating are prevented."

Mr. Bryan said in conclusion: "The reports that come to us from all sections of the country are very encouraging and we have every reason to believe that if we all work together and work diligently we shall be able to rejoice over a victory in the state and nation."

THINK MEYERS WAS ROBBED BY HIS OWN SONS

Family Feud Turn Express Company's Investigation Toward Boys for \$70,000 Theft

THEY HAVE HAD LONG, BITTER LEGAL FIGHT

Sons Have for the Past Month Been Fighting Meyers Through the Courts to Gain Possession of Valuable Notes—One Note Alone for \$38,600

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—Wells, Fargo & Co., robbed of a package valued at \$70,000 belonging to Joseph Meyers, a pioneer Salem merchant are investigating the daring and reckless crime along line which indicate that the company suspects Mr. Meyers' own sons, with whom he has a family feud, of knowing more or less about the case. No direct charge against the sons is contemplated, but the theory as advanced by C. Cain, chief of the Express Company's secret service, who is directing the investigation, is that it would be utterly impossible for an ordinary thief to know that the carelessly wrapped box marked "Value \$10" contained property of such great worth. In support of this theory it is further declared that the property would be of no value to others than the persons who issued the large notes which were stolen. On the other hand, lawyers for Mr. Meyers declare that the boys could not gain anything if they did secure possession of the papers and documents contained in the missing receptacle.

Manager H. P. Beckwith, of the local office of the Wells Fargo Company, says that the probing into the mysterious robbery has gone far enough so that the identity of the thief is narrowed down to the point where the detectives are almost ready to lay their hands on the culprit. "And we'll have the man or men

implicated behind the bars if it takes us 20 years," exclaimed Mr. Beckwith this morning. "We will run the thieves down as a matter of principle and not because of the value of the property involved. It is of no interest to us, this family row, but it is a mighty serious thing to rob an express company. The motive in this case seems to be so clear that we are almost sure, sooner or later, to unearth the man who turned the trick and those who inspired it."

The robbery was reckless in the extreme. It was committed in the receiving rooms of the Wells Fargo Co. at the Union Depot between 11:30 the night of August 21 and 7 o'clock the morning of August 22.

The known facts leading up to and covering the actual commission of the crime are as follows: Mr. Meyer, after his strenuous domestic imbroglio with his sons and his final marriage to Mrs. Zenaide Du Rette, decided to shake the dust of Salem off his feet and to make Portland his future home. With this in view he sent instructions to President J. H. Albert, of the Capital National Bank, at Salem, to send his safety deposit box containing his valuables to the Portland Hotel, this city, where Mr. and Mrs. Meyer were then living. The box which was a trifle larger than a shoe box contained notes, stocks

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FOUR KILLED IN PANIC AT DENVER

Guests Leap to Death From Windows of Burning Belmont Hotel—Many Others Injured

DENVER, Sept. 8.—A fire that is believed to have started by some miscreant caused a panic early today among one hundred guests of the Belmont Hotel, a three-story building at 121-125 Stout street, this city, the result of which four lives were sacrificed and a score injured, two perhaps fatally. Three men died of injuries jumping from windows and another suffocated to death in his room. Had the unfortunates who were killed or injured by jumping remained at their windows a moment longer all would have been saved by the firemen. The fire was started at the foot of the stairway and progressed to the upper floor before discovered. It is reported that jewelry and money valued at \$1500 was stolen from the rooms of the proprietor, Miss Nettie Rahn and guests before the fire or while it was burning. The dead are:

EDWARD MOORE, real estate man, Philadelphia.

JOHN D. KEANE, Colorado Springs; suffocated.

GEORGE BODLE, Middletown, N. Y.; died at the hospital from his injuries.

One unknown man.

FOR OUR STOMACH'S SAKE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—How best to appease the palate will be all-absorbing topic at Terrace Garden today, when the eighth annual convention of the International Stewards' Association will meet for a three days' session. Several hundred delegates, representing cities in the United States, Canada and Mexico arrived in New York yesterday and last night.